



# Pinckney on the Prowl

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## Port Calls Thus Far:

- Pensacola, Florida
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Port Everglades, Florida
- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Cartagena, Columbia
- Rodman, Panama
- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- San Diego, California
- Port Hueneme, California

## From the Commanding Officer

Dear Pinckney Family and Friends,

It has been an exciting and busy time for the Pinckney team with the completion of our Shipyard Period and the beginning of our training phase. I cannot say enough about the superb work and accomplishments of your sailors in getting their ship ready for sea. As in any industrial period, there are frustrations and challenges. But the one constant in all of our efforts was the drive and determination of the crew. Along the way we had a few opportunities to gather off the ship, with a well executed children's Easter Egg Party, and a tremendous picnic last month. Well done to the First Class for organizing such a great family event. We will look to do another ships function in June. I hope everyone had the opportunity to take some time off, with work days ending an hour or so early and lots of leave chits approved, we were able to recharge our home-batteries as well. Looking at quality of life, the Command Assessment Team, led by SKC Steward and BM1 Lazo, conducted a survey on-board, asking the crew how they thought we were doing in terms of Quality of Life, time and personnel management and efficiency, and war-fighting readiness. We wanted to know how the command might improve in these critical areas. The results are in and I have shared them

with the crew. We have begun working with the leadership in the CPO mess and wardroom, as well as committees such as Moral Welfare and Recreation and Command Managed Equal Opportunity, to address the issues of concern raised in this survey. I appreciate the honesty and will work hard to make things better. Speaking of making things better, I would like to welcome our new Command Master Chief and his wife Laura to the command. As you know, Master Chief Blade departed a few months back, and so Master Chief Longworth's arrival was anxiously anticipated. On behalf of a well-served crew, I would like to thank Senior Chef Mitchell for holding the fort as acting CMC. Hopefully, he will take the lessons of the last 2 months into a CMC job of his own – where he would surely excel.

As we head into a busy summer of training, we need to

keep our focus on the big goal – readiness to deploy in September. Everything we do this summer will be linked to this goal. But as any good Navy family knows, preparations for deployment are not confined to the ship. The families of our sailors will need to prepare as well. This is why I fully support the work of the Family Support Group, and strongly encourage you to attend our next meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May in the Murphy Canyon chapel. Childcare services will be available. The focus of this meeting will be deployment preparations and plans for the summer, and we have lots to do so please try to come. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jim Malloy

Commander, U.S. Navy

Commanding Officer

USS PINCKNEY (DDG-91)





## From the Command Master Chief

Greetings to all PINCKNEY family and friends.

I must say that my first few days onboard have been a pleasure. Each Sailor went out of their way to make me feel welcome and at home. The positive attitudes and high crew expectations will soon result in this ship becoming legendary for its hospitality. As one sailor remarked, "That's just how it is here on PINCKNEY." I am honored to be the ship's second Command Master Chief, and hope to continue the many positive traditions started by Command Master Chief Kevin Blade.

I am genuinely excited about serving side by side with your Sailors. Having just completed a tour as CMC of a 90,000 square mile recruiting district, I have sincerely missed the camaraderie born by proximity and close teamwork. I look forward to working closely with the crew to maximize the opportunity for personal and professional growth for each of us.

The crew has completed many trials recently and continues to prepare to complete the mission requirements of our great Navy. We must continue to plan to execute the needs of the nation. There will be several more months of arduous, challenging, and rewarding work necessary to prepare us for success in our upcoming deployment. Our job is made easier by the families that we love and the communities that we serve. For some...our families are the very reason we have chosen our profession. The PINCKNEY Fam-

ily Support Group is critical to our success as Sailors and is an important contributor to crew happiness and life quality. I'd ask each of you to attend the Family Support Group meeting scheduled for 31 May. Your participation in helping us develop and execute our deployment makes the Sailors job much easier.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you soon.

Bob Longworth

CMDCM(SW)

Command Master Chief

USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)



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**CMDCM(SW) Longworth**



## Executive Department

Executive Department has been extraordinarily busy the past couple of months. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, the department had to move back onboard the ship, which was no small feat. As well, a large number of personnel have been at schools and on leave, so

those left behind have been working doubly hard to pick up the slack. However, Ship's Medical and the Admin Office have been taking their multiple tasks in stride.

Pinckney's interim Com-

mand Master Chief has been DCCS(SW) Mitchell. Although he temporarily accepted a long list of duties, he still retained his status as Repair Division LCPO. Thank you for all of your hard work, Senior Chief Mitchell!

## Supply Department



**"Supply Department  
wants to thank all  
sailors who extended  
their help and time..."**

"Bravo Zulu" to the Supply Department for a successful PSA period. All hands took part to enhance costumer service on board USS Pinckney. We would like to thank each and everyone involved in the process of re-opening and re-establishing the Supply Support System.

We would like to wish farewell and following seas to CS1 (SW/AW) Cope and SK2 (SW) Davis. The whole department extends our thanks for their tremendous contributions and relentless efforts in making our ship the best on the waterfront. Good luck, Shipmates, with all of your future endeavors. We also would like to welcome aboard SK3 Storch. SK3 checked into the command on March 7<sup>th</sup> from HSL 41 Sea Hawk. We also welcome a new member to the Pinckney family as of the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, congratulations to SK2 (SW) Ragadio and his wife Victoria on the birth of their daughter. Congratulations to SKSN (SW) Baskerville for her selection as USS Pinckney's first Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year. As well, the department is enamored that BM2 Bloom and SK2 (SW) Poon

have decided to reenlist.

The entire department has been working hard to re-open its spaces onboard the ship. A "job well done" to S-2 Division and all the Food Service Attendants for a well received and lauded re-opening of Bagg's Café. On May 20, CS1 (SW) Burke and CS2 (SW/AW) Gaffney will be reenlisting at Dave and Busters in Mission Valley.

S-3 is also proud to announce that they are open for business. After spending 4 months on the barge, S-3 will once again grace Pinckney with the best haircutting, laundry, and Ship's Store merchandise on the waterfront. The hardworking personnel of S-3 have been diligently preparing for the upcoming SMA inspection, an inspection that will no doubt reflect the outstanding expertise and professionalism of our SH's. S-3 would also like to wish a fond farewell to our LPO SKC (SW) Marc Steward. He has been with S-3 for over 6 months. His wisdom and leadership will be missed as he transfers to Yokosuka, Japan. Good luck on your new assignment

Chief!

The Disbursing Clerks of S-4 have also transferred their services back onboard Pinckney including Navy Cash. They are continuing to run their operation with the utmost proficiency, while sustaining outstanding customer service. S-4 has been very busy ensuring that every Pinckney sailor is being paid the proper amount and by processing numerous travel claims. S-4 is proud to continue its tradition of providing Pinckney with top-notch service and a smile.

The very successful opening of the Ship's Store and Disbursing Office despite limited personnel shows dedication and hard work to all involved. Well done to SH1 (SW/AW) Montemayor for stepping up as the acting Chief and making things happen.

Lastly, Supply Department wants to thank all sailors who extended their help and time in stores on load. Your hard work helped Supply Department become the hot commodity onboard USS PINCKNEY.





## Engineering Department

The Engineering Department is moving at "all engines ahead flank" into a new set of challenges. The department has been gearing towards the next big tasks at hand: our engineering certification, decommissioning, and the Command Assessment Readiness for Training otherwise known as C.A.R.T. LT Brad McInnis has taken over the duties as Chief Engineer and will be leading our department into its promising future. Our Engineering Training Team will continue to conduct drills with our watch teams preparing them for dangerous situations that could arise at any moment. With enough practice and strict ad-

herence to procedures, the dedicated engineers of USS Pinckney will be able to maintain their successful track record. We would also like to take this time to welcome aboard GSEFN Monk. We also wish fair winds and following seas to LCDR Mark Morrell and thank him for his valuable leadership of the Engineering department. His impact has left a permanent mark on the ship.



**LCDR Morrell waves goodbye to PINCKNEY**

## Combat Systems Department

Combat Systems bids a highly anticipated farewell to the South West Marine shipyard. The entire department is grateful for the copious amount of work that each shipyard worker provided. The teamwork that was forged between Pinckney sailors and shipyard workers resulted in great improvements to Pinckney's readiness level. Thanks to all for a job well done!

CF division stayed as busy as ever with testing the upgrades of the AEGIS system. During this arduous time there were two exceptional people in CF that managed to still find time to earn their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pins: FC3(SW) Bernieri and FC3(SW) Bonham. As well,

congratulations to FC2(SW) Griffith, FC2 Westonsmart, FC3(SW) Bernieri, FC3 Hofmann, and FC3 Mabrey on receiving Navy Achievement Medals for their efforts in the fall.

CA has been extremely productive since the last newsletter. The division's hard work and preparation for Single Ship ASW COI was rewarded when the ship received a grade of excellent overall. CA also completed the OTTO II Fuel Spill LTT with a mark of satisfactory, both of these events are essential elements in achieving wartime readiness in USS Pinckney. Well done to all involved! We welcome ENS Thompson (ASWO)

back to the PINCKNEY from DESRON 15 where she was developing and honing her ASW Evaluator skills. Congratulations to STG Redmond for being selected as the Combat Systems Sailor of the Quarter.

The yard period recently came to a close with a well planned and much needed ship picnic. It was nice to see Pinckney's friends and family enjoy a relaxing day together. This ship could not get its job done without the support from the home front. The picnic was a small way to say thanks. It was great to see everyone and if you were unable to attend we look forward to seeing you next time.



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## Operations Department

Hello again from the Operations Department! Since the last PINCKNEY on the Prowl News-letter, we have been through many exercises, evolutions, and exciting events. To start off, we'd like to congratulate IT2(SW) Fontana on a recent accomplishment; he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) pin.

In the last few months, Operations Department has spent a great deal of time preparing to move the Local Area Network, the Communication Center, and the crew back onboard the ship from the barge. We have looked forward to coming back to Naval Station San Diego after a long and strenuous shipyard period. We have also been getting ready for the first underway period since the shipyard, completing several new system SOVT's (System Operation Verification and Testing), and completing a successful inport communications exercise. IT2(SW) Dally, IT2(SW) Fontana, and ITSN(SW) Reyes all deserve special recognition for their

hard work during this exercise. Thank you to all the sailors in Operations Department for their hard work and long hours during the past few months.

After a rigorous Post Shake-down Availability (PSA) schedule, Deck adjusted with no hitch. Recently Deck Division reached another milestone by completing all CART II requirements two weeks early. The inspection package included an equipment inventory and five difficult exercises.

The teamwork within the division was evident when all deck equipages were laid out in record time. This includes four various underway replenishment rigs, towing equipment, life preservers, and man overboard equipment. SN Kareem Parnell took the lead on presenting small boat equipage and man overboard equipage and received high praises from the inspector. SN Dixon ensured all life preservers were properly maintained and inspection ready. Deck's sea-

manship exercises included mooring to the pier, anchoring, man overboard, and an underway replenishment with an emergency breakaway. At the same time, the division also geared up Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ). SN Hollis, SN Boyce, SN Maxwell and SN Wright showed true professionalism when the inspectors found no discrepancies with their equipment.

Welcome aboard to three new IS Division members: IT1(SW) Ramiro Cervantes, hailing from Los Angeles, Ca, ITSN Eric Gill from San Bernardino, Ca., and ITSA Jesse Altilio from San Diego, Ca.

While we hail our new sailors, we must bid farewell to one. IT1(SW) Firth has departed the command with orders to NAVCOMTELSTA, San Diego. We wish her fair winds and following seas and the best of luck at her new duty station! She will be missed.



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## From the Ombudsman

Greetings PINCKNEY family and friends,

It's been a little over a year now that I have been serving the families of the PINCKNEY. It has been an incredible learning experience for me. I hope that I have exceeded your expectations and I assure you that I will continue to provide you with the highest standards of professionalism.

As you know we will be in a joint adventure this fall. We will start gearing up with

Deployment Informational meetings. These will be meetings that you will want to attend. Not only will you get information to help you survive deployment but also you'll have a chance to meet other great PINCKNEY families.

Right before a deployment is a busy time. It is likely that our sailors will be working extra hours to help prepare for deployment. You might feel like the months prior to the deployment should be family time, but it is a busy time for the

sailor at work. Knowing this ahead of time may help you to prepare.

Suggestions to help you prepare for deployment:

**[Get your legal and financial affairs in order.](#)** Develop a family care plan, and make sure you're up to date on your insurance, will, pay, and finances.

**[Prepare for emergencies.](#)** Make arrangements for your family's security and safety. Work together in preparing



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### Waters We've Traveled:

**Gulf of Mexico**  
**Atlantic Ocean**  
**Caribbean Sea**  
**Panama Canal**  
**Pacific Ocean**

**PROUD TO  
SERVE!**

for the difficult separation ahead.

**Complete a family checklist.** Managing the family budget while your spouse is away can be challenging, but it is manageable.

**Use military support services.** You're not alone -- there are many official and unofficial sources of aid and assistance.

**All in the family.** Separation is tough on all family members -- face the challenges together.

Other great deployment links:

[Fleet & Family Support Center](#)

[Navy OneSource](#)

[Morale, Welfare & Recreation](#)

**In the Spotlight:** Healthy Start: Military Family Cluster

What is Healthy Start? Healthy Start Military Family Cluster is a collaborative effort between the schools, U.S. Navy, public and private agencies, to assist families in local housing areas. The mission of the MFC is to provide confidential, safe, coordinated services that will lead to improved academic outcomes for students and a better quality of life for families.

How can Healthy Start Help you?

- Provide pre-natal support
- Provide crisis intervention information and referral service
- Provide access to family facilities
- Provide early reading programs for children under 6
- Assist with arranging transportation to urgent appointments
- Make house calls

Get in touch with Healthy Start by calling (858) 496-0044 or visit us at 3487 Santo Road, located in Murphy Canyon Housing.

### **PINCKNEY Family Support**

**Group:** There is a FSG meeting on May 31 at 6:30 PM at the Murphy Canyon Chapel. This will be our first meeting that will include discussion about our upcoming deployment. Topics will include: **Managing Deployment:** Fleet & Family Support Center will provide a brief that highlights both the *practical* as well as, *emotional* aspects of planning for a manageable deployment. A Legal Officer will brief on the legal aspects of deployment. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in being part of the FSG, please email [Michelle Kane at](mailto:Michelle.Kane@san.rr.com)

[ddg91fsg@san.rr.com](mailto:ddg91fsg@san.rr.com).

### **Dates to Remember:**

May 31: FSG Meeting, 6:30 PM, Murphy Canyon Chapel, 3200 Santo Road, for more info email [Michelle Kane](mailto:Michelle.Kane@san.rr.com)

June 14: Goal Setting, 9 AM, Family Support Center San Diego, Bldg. 259, for more info call 619-556-7404

June 28: Dealing with Stress, 1 PM, Family Support Center Point Loma, Bldg. 211, for more info call 619-553-8306

As always I am available 24 hours a day for **emergencies** at **619-571-8503**. For routine calls leave a message via the **Careline** at **800-913-3491** and I will get back to you within 24 hours. You can also contact me via email [USS PINCKNEY Ombudsman](mailto:USSPINCKNEY@san.rr.com).

Standing by, Ready to Serve,  
Ann Marie Sands







**William Pinckney's Birthday Cake**



**GSM1 Harvey and his children with the Easter Bunny**



**Volunteers for the Pinckney Easter Egg Hunt**



**Pinckney sailors perform a burial at sea**



**The wardroom celebrates a promotion with the San Diego Padres**

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